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**Via Electronic Mail: [70603-16016090@requests.muckrock.com](mailto:70603-16016090@requests.muckrock.com)**

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RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request No. BOEM-2019-00105

Dear Beryl Lipton:

This letter is in reference to your FOIA request dated March 15, 2019 and received by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) on the same date. Your request is assigned number BOEM-2019-00105. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

## **Description of the Requested Records**

You requested following records concerning the FOIA Program: Budget and Staffing and FOIA request information including: fee categories, fee waivers, fee collections and audit reports. The years of the requested material for each category range from 2017-2019.

## **Fee Category**

We classified you as an "other-use" requester. As such, we may charge you for some of our search and duplication costs, but we will not charge you for our review costs; you are also entitled to up to 2 hours of search time and 100 pages of photocopies (or an equivalent volume) for free. *See* 43 C.F.R. § 2.39. If, after taking into consideration your fee category entitlements, our processing costs are less than \$50.00, we will not bill you because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. *See* 43 C.F.R. § 2.37(g).

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National Archives and Records Administration  
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College Park, MD 20740-6001

Email: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
Web: <https://ogis.archives.gov>  
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Please note that using OGIS services does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department's FOIA/PA Appeals Officer. You may also contact the undersigned, BOEM's FOIA Public Liaison, for dispute resolution services.

### **Conclusion**

If you have any questions concerning your request, you may contact us by email at [boemfoia@boem.gov](mailto:boemfoia@boem.gov); by fax at (703) 787-1209; by phone at (703) 787-1818; or by postal mail at: FOIA Office; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; Mail Stop: VAM-BOEM DIR; 45600 Woodland Road; Sterling, VA 20166.

Sincerely,



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